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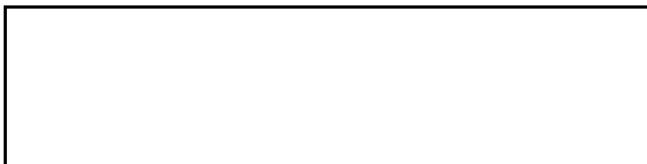
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Fatah may be willing to settle for the Lebanese Government's agreement to permit operational guerrilla bases in the country. The Fatah leadership is concerned that its group may be overextending itself in Lebanon and weakening its position in Jordan and in the fedayeen movement as a whole. Fatah reportedly has had to transfer a sizable number of men from Jordan to strengthen its units in Lebanon. It is difficult to judge what impact this reported policy shift by Fatah will have on the talks in Cairo, where the Egyptians have now agreed to accept the role of mediator.

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